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Romulus High School's Becky Oleszkowicz Competes in State Finals of VFW's "Democracy" Essay Contest

"It is up to us to make sure that there is a tomorrow to save, so that we will always have a tomorrow to give," Romulus High School sophomore Rebecca Oleszkowicz recently wrote. The statement was part of an essay on the subject of "Answering America's Call" (reprinted elsewhere on this page) which she submitted to Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 for entry in the VFW's nationwide "Voice of Democracy" contest.

When Gary Carpenter, the Romulus post's Junior Vice Commander and Voice of Democracy chairperson, notified Becky that her essay had taken top honors on the local level – earning her a \$250 savings bond – Becky was shocked. It had never occurred to her that her writing talents would prove to be the best in the City.

As the representative from Post #9568, Becky attended a banquet for local winners from the western Wayne County district; her parents, Ron and Julie Oleszkowicz, accompanied her to the banquet, which was held at the VFW hall in Redford. Part of the evening's events included a competition between the 29 local winners for the title of District Champion. Becky's parents watched with pride as their daughter read her essay aloud and received an additional \$600 savings bond for taking first place in the District contest as well.

"I have always been proud of our daughter," Mrs. Oleszkowicz recalls, "but when her name was called as the District winner, I just about shrieked with happiness. She is a fine daughter and works hard for what she earns."

When asked about her achievements, Becky was quick to give credit to her high-school English teacher, Ron Bayes, and to her mom and dad. The honor-roll student believes that anyone's success would be more difficult without the help of family, friends, and teachers. When asked for her number-one idea for making America better, Becky replied, "You cannot wait around for things to change for the better. You have to do it yourself."

Becky and her parents recently at-

tended the state finals in Troy, where Becky competed against all of Michigan's district winners. She came home with an additional \$200 savings bond, a VFW jacket, and a personalized Cross pen. Although Becky didn't place first in the State, she's still a winner in all of our hearts. She represented the Romulus VFW post, schools, and community with class, distinction, and honor.

Becky's positive experience with the Voice of Democracy contest has Mrs. Oleszkowicz hoping that more Romulus students will enter next year's competition. "I just couldn't believe what a wonderful job the VFW did in promoting this superb endeavor," she stated. "I encourage all students to become involved in this beautiful program." □



Essay: "Answering America's Call"

By Rebecca Oleszkowicz

I'm not so sure it's just a call, a polite request, so much as a desperate cry for help. Yes, there are obvious problems in America today. Crime. Drugs. Murder. Rape. Gangs. Homelessness. The list could go on forever; couldn't every nation's? Even so, the single major difference between America and every other nation in the world is that, even with our problems, other nations still depend on us.

When Kuwait was invaded by Iraq, the Middle East looked to America for help. When Somalia was starving, America fed her. When the Rwandans made war on themselves, America helped shelter thousands of refugees. Throughout history, America has been the golden hope of the world; a selfless land of freedom, democracy, and a place where everyone could be accepted, regardless of ethnic history.

America has always been a generous nation; giving to others when she had nothing left to give, setting her own problems aside when the rest of the world needed her. Well, now it is America who needs help, and it is time for today's youth to grow up and take a stand. It is up to us to feed our nation's starving children and to keep guns out of the hands of babies. It is up to us to build homes for the homeless and to give every child a place to belong so that they will never feel the need to resort to gangs or drugs again. It is up to us to promote the awareness of AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases, and the negative effects of teenage pregnancy. Most of all, it is up to us to make sure that there is a tomorrow to save, so that we will always have a tomorrow to give.

That's a pretty big job.

I believe that through youth empowerment and youth involvement in community service we can begin to solve our nation's problems. Teen volunteerism would not only

give minors something constructive to do, but teach them values and morals, and give them self-worth. Through community service we can learn to appreciate everything we have, and to feel sympathetic of those less fortunate than us. Community service should be integrated in our society to the point where it becomes second nature. Every school should have a program where students can get involved.

Some will argue my point, claiming that this is "mandatory" volunteerism, that kids should be kids, that community service belongs in the community and not in the schools. My question is this: what is mandatory about volunteerism? Neither I nor anyone else can force a teen to take a stand and become involved in securing America's future. I can only express its great importance and hope that society will listen. As for volunteerism in schools, well, fine, so maybe it doesn't belong. Maybe religion doesn't belong, either, or sex education, for that matter, or programs such as D.A.R.E., which educate children on the dangers of drugs. Maybe the only things that belong in schools are kids and homework. Even so, community service may be the most important lesson of all, and if we can't teach kids to respect the world around them in school, where can we? Information learned in school is useless unless we can successfully use it to become functioning members in society.

America's youth is America's future. America's success in the 21st century lies in our hands. I believe that through volunteerism and youth empowerment we can not only unite individuals, but entire communities and give them the hope and strength that they will need to help this great nation succeed. Through community service it is possible to touch, if not save, a life. It is only through service that life's meaning is understood. □

Storytime!

There's still time to register your child for the Romulus Public Library's annual Winter Storytime Program, which began this week. The program is open to kids age three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten.

Participants may choose from either the Tuesday evening sessions (through March 19), which begin at 7 p.m., or the Thursday morning sessions (through March 21), which start at 10:30 a.m.

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"Distressing Trend" in Voting Noted by Reader

To the Editor:

Before last November's general election, *The Romulus News* published candidates' responses to a questionnaire devised by the newspaper's staff. As we move nearer to a National election, I can't help but recall a distressing trend in the answers that most of the candidates gave to the question concerning how they would vote in cases where their own view of an issue was in conflict with the views of the constituency at large. It may give some insight into the stagnation that communities across the Country are now suffering.

Many of the Council candidates said "yes" when asked if they would cast votes that went against popular opinion – even if that opinion was held by a strong majority of their constituents – if they personally felt that it was the right thing to do. The reasoning behind these responses was usually a variation of the "I have to do what is in the best interest of people as I see it" theme.

Much to my amazement, many of the Council seats are now filled with these same people. The people of Romulus have elected officials who have openly stated that they would ignore the wishes of the people and do what is personally appealing to them. It makes me wonder if the people have any idea as to their role in the election process.

How is it possible to be elected as a representative of the people on a platform that allows for the total disregard of those people? One can only come to a limited number of conclusions. Either the people no longer care if they are heard, or they have so much faith in the ability of the candidate to do the right thing that they relinquish their input in favor of the candidate's discretion. I, for one, do not believe that the people have lost their desire to be heard – and, given today's cynical attitudes toward politicians in general, I doubt that they would give such blind faith to anyone in the political arena. So that leads me to believe that people no longer understand that the persons elected are rep-

resentatives of the people. They are meant to implement the will of the people in all things concerning them as a community. This holds true at all levels of government.

Much of the ado over the injection well was a result of the local authority's failure to consult the people first. As a result, many one-issue candidates were recently elected and the outcome of that process is still a long way from coming into clear view. But it is these single-issue candidates that seems to be a popular choice across the Nation. That would be fine except for the fact that a very small percentage of those officials' time is actually going to be spent on one narrow field. They must be able to do more than vote "yea" or "nay" on a single proposal. Yet, voters tend to rely on one test or another as the determining factor in deciding their vote. Tax cutter or spender? Pro choice or pro life? It can even be as simple-minded as Republican or Democrat?

But, soon after the election, how often do we find that the pro-life candidate is a penny-pinching miser who won't open the coffers for overdue road repairs? Or that the fiscal conservative wants to tax religious institutions?

At every level of government, this country's leadership has a distressing lack of vision. Of course, they are a reflection of "we, the people," and we haven't given them a clue as to the kind of society we want.

Catch-phrases like "school of choice" and "charter schools" don't shape the future. Schools where teachers are in control and turn out educated, expressive, and creative students do that. Spouting the words "family values" every 10 minutes doesn't strengthen our communities in the least. Throwing your television out may do it, but more practical would be to help out a stranger in need. Then the kids get to see that you don't do a kind act just to get something out of it. Notice that neither of these solutions mentions an elected official. They are not supposed to solve our family problems. Their job is to facilitate the fulfillment of our society's need for roads, garbage pickup, and police protection.

Don't elect someone to do your parenting. Choose a representative who will do government business – and *maybe, just maybe, we will regain our many lost freedoms and give our children a peaceful planet.*

Sincerely,
Daniel L. Sanchez
Romulus

Attorney's Role in "Well Issue" Is Questioned

To the Editor:

In the last issue of "the little paper" (February 2, 1996/Vol. 9, No. 14), you published a letter which I had written to the citizens of Romulus to help them understand the terrible financial burden that our city could face if our elected officials do not negotiate a settlement with Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS). I received many phone calls from people who were astounded by the amount of money that we taxpayers will have to pay if EDS comes out the victor in the various lawsuits that are currently pending.

One thing that I don't understand is the ongoing debate regarding the role that City attorney Barry Seifman has played in this whole mess. How can anyone *not* think it strange that this man and his firm are making thousands of dollars by helping the City pursue litigation that, for more than three years, they had claimed was legally indefensible? Doesn't it seem odd that, less than two weeks before the City filed a lawsuit to

keep EDS from operating its well, attorney Seifman sent then-Mayor Beverly McAnally a memo which reaffirmed his previous opinions – one of which stated, in part, "Generally speaking the Federal Government dominates over the State, the State over a City. When an area of law has been thoroughly covered by State law so that it would appear nothing is essentially left to legislate for the area, a City law can not interfere."

Don't these attorneys have any conscience? If they did know of some means by which the City could prevent EDS from operating its well here, why didn't they say so before EDS had committed so much money to their project? Even if they had no concern for the rights of EDS and its investors, they must surely have realized that a company that has already spent more than a million *otherwise unrecoverable* dollars is not likely to walk away from a lawsuit without a fight. On the other hand, if they *did* believe their repeated opinions that the City had no jurisdiction over such a project, how can they now urge our city

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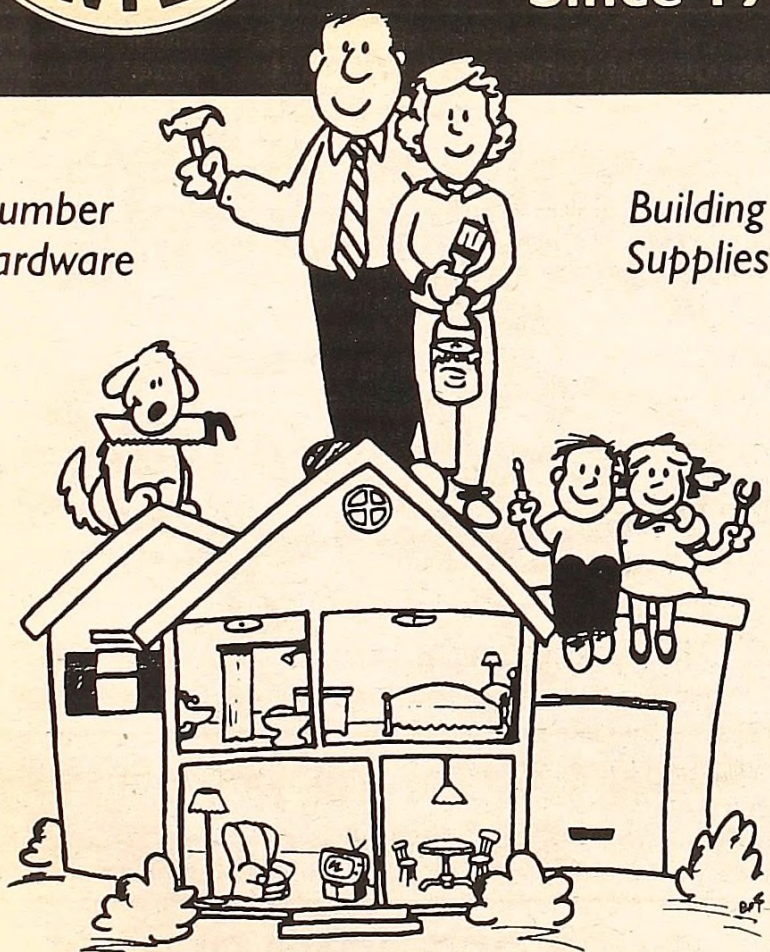
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Savoring a Million-dollar Lesson (Recalling the Impact/Import of the Million Man March)

By Karen Williams

The sun-washed mall is now quiet, and the sounds and footprints of millions have long been erased, but still lingering is the spirit of legions of Black men who gathered in Washington at the foot of Capitol Hill to rally for justice, freedom, and empowerment; to atone for their sins and the sins of their fathers.

No one can argue that October 16, 1995 is to be remembered as more than an occasion officially cast as an African-American "Holy Day of Atonement and Reconciliation" (or, as it was more commonly known, as the date of the "Million Man March"). This spirited vigil marked an outpouring of African-American soul into the mainstream; of watching the tears, hugs, handshakes, and prayers of all our friends, family, and brethren crystallize into the rubric for another beginning.

It only takes a minute to look into the eyes of those we have wounded to say we are sorry; to impart lessons we have learned. It only takes a minute to lay down our tongues, our pride, and our other weapons to embrace similarities and differences, and thereby strike a long-due harmonious chord.

But I can't help but wonder if history will truly recount this event for the study, for the momentum and hearts it stirred, for no one person in history heretofore had ever successfully organized and gathered so large a body definitively in need of healing, respect, and inner peace.

This column is merely a reminder that such a moment of history should not be relegated to a cursory mention during February (Black History Month) — to be quickly reflected on, then forgotten at the dawn of March. It is an appeal to people everywhere — White, Black,

Red, Brown, or Yellow; Protestant, Catholic, Christian, Agnostic, or Jew — to revere our humanity; to remember our inner capacity to hurt; to atone; to redeem and heal.

You've witnessed news reports that highlighted the National Parks Services' miscalculation of marcher numbers; that claimed that the intent and significance of the March should be eclipsed by the blemishes of Louis Farrakhan. But no man is perfect and everyone makes mistakes. There are moments when we must herald messengers and vehicles for who and what they are: pragmatic agents of sorely needed change.

Not everyone favors Louis Farrakhan, nor does everyone favor Bob Dole or Bill Clinton. But different personas have different perspectives; different voices; different choices, personal histories, theories, queries, allies, agendas, associations, and aims... and for that we should be happy. Happy that individuality, experience, and uniqueness are a few of the jewels in America's crown of diversity. That the expression of eclectic opinions and life-styles is indeed what makes America great. And that our inalienable right to assemble, to speak, and to listen gives us all greater capacity to grow and learn.

I hope, in future, that there will be more visionary leaders. More Million Man Marches. More assemblies of men, women, and children — of the underserved and the dispossessed — to affirm their beauty and worth; to pray for spiritual strength; to atone and reconcile for sins; to press for transformative leadership; to discuss and debate their oppressors; to lobby for the voiceless and the correction of errors; to foster empowering images; and, always, to sing and shout for change. □

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Are You Guilty of "It"?

By Jacque Martin-Downs, MAMSW

This writer's guilty of it. . . . Maybe you are guilty of it, too. This writer was a new parent during the "Do Your Own Thing" era of the '70s. Maybe you were, too. What's "it"? "It" is the gotta-do-it-all, gotta-have-it-all notion that's percolated down to us from the baby-boomers' generation.

By the late '70s, stay-at-home moms were oddities. While 30% of married women with children under six worked outside the home in 1970, nearly 62% of American women worked by 1990. Kids were placed into latchkey programs or left at home after school to fend for themselves until dinner or later. It all seemed so right at the time. Two parents out working meant more money in the bank, prosperity beyond what one parent could provide, lessons and activities for the kids, the best schools, colleges. What more could the American dream be?

And then it all began to crumble. Divorce rates jumped from 325 per 1,000 marriages in 1970 to 509 in 1990. Death rates from malignancies per 1,000 in 1970 were 163, and 206 in 1990. There were 239 abortions per 1,000 births in 1973 and 379 in 1990.

But, we *could* afford more goods and services: 1.4 TVs per household in 1970 increased to 2.2 in 1990. Cable subscriptions went from 4.5 million in 1970 to 58 million in 1990. Travel to Europe went from 2.9 million passengers in 1970 to 7.5 million in 1990.

The "wants" of the early '70s became the "needs" of the '80s and '90s. Can you now envision your family with only one or two telephones? How about giving up portable televisions, car phones, call-waiting, or modems? Could you envision your life using a portable, nonelectric typewriter? How about the "white-out" that goes with it? Can you imagine rabbit ears instead of cable? No microwave?

The advent of all these things made life "bearable." Yet, violence, drugs, alcohol, and smoking have increased while respect for others has declined.

Could there be a correlation between our "needs" being fulfilled and our children's behaviors? This writer would suggest that there's a strong relationship between our need to have it

all and kids' self-destructive behaviors. With the norms having changed, there's no longer an expectation that an adult will be home after school for children. No longer do families sit down together for five or six meals per week; no longer are we consistently tracking our children's homework. No longer are we spending Sunday evening playing games together.

Young people (over 21) are speaking out about their childhood and about whether they felt supported or not. Would you want to hear that *your* adult child now talks about how they spent a lot of time winging it and fending for themselves? If we're still vested in helping our children "turn out right," we need to think long and hard about our priorities.

Thankfully, parents have the key to the solution. Our floundering youngsters need *us* and *our time*. Is this a novel idea? No, but we don't seem to get the obvious. Gotta-have-it-all has become need-it-all . . . cable, VCR, SEGA, Nintendo, Nikes, portable phones, pagers, McDonald's dinners, etc. It will take some effort to make a paradigm shift and forego some of the goodies in life, and it may have to include such "sacrifices" as having one parent work less, allowing the kids only one lesson/activity, making sure that there are at least four meals together each week, and making purchases with economy, not style, in mind.

If this seems like asking too much, think about this final idea. At least organize a weekly family meeting time where everyone has a chance to talk honestly about their "beefs" and lend support to other family members who are struggling with a particular issue. This way family members will feel significant and valued. Mom might address her concern about son being late for school every day by saying, "I've been thinking about this dilemma with Jim oversleeping and would like us to work out a solution together. Bobby, can you think of any ways that we could help Jim to get up in time every morning?"

Parents that support and nurture their children are parents whose adult children will gladly bound back into their parents' lives and shower them with love and appreciation for being such supportive parents. □

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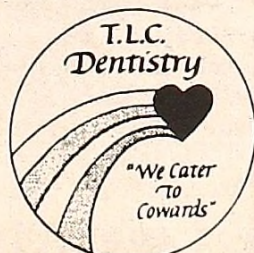
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- **"Family Safety FunDay!"** — The Oakwood Healthcare System and Southland Mall are teaming up for a "Safety FunDay!" on Saturday, February 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Central Court at Southland Mall (located on Eureka Road in Taylor). Oakwood will sponsor its "Keep Kids Safe" program featuring information on car-seat safety, certified babysitters, child immunizations, and safety equipment. Experts from AAA Michigan, the Downriver Guidance Clinic, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department "Child ID" and "Firearm Safety" programs, the Taylor Police DARE program, and Detroit Edison (among other groups) will be on hand to answer safety-related questions. A 1 p.m. magic show featuring "Dyna-Mike," as well as balloons, giveaways, and drawings to win safety equipment, will also highlight the event. No registration is necessary.
- **Cinderella** — The Downriver Council for the Arts will sponsor a production of *Cinderella* at the Trenton Theatre (located on West Jefferson just south of West Road) on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets (\$5 for DCA members; \$6 for nonmembers) are available at the DCA office (2630 Biddle, Wyandotte). For more information, please call 281-2787.
- **Auditions Scheduled** — The Macomb College performance group known as The Macomers will hold its annual auditions at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (one mile east of Lakeside Mall at Hall Road/M59 and Garfield Road in Clinton Township) from 12 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, and on Sunday, March 17. Applicants should: be a high-school graduate by June 1996; have two songs of different styles prepared (an accompanist will be provided); and dress comfortably (a dance routine will be taught *en masse*). Scholarships are available. To make a reservation, please call 810-286-2044.
- **Chamber Banquet Honors Block** — The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce 16th Annual Romulus Person of the Year Awards Banquet honoring Hilda Block, owner of Block's Farm Market and Greenhouse, will be held at the Royce Hotel in Romulus on Friday, March 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Those who wish to attend must pay the donation of \$30 per person to the Romulus Chamber by Tuesday, March 5. For information, call Karan Johnson, executive secretary, at 326-4290.
- **Writer Support Group** — Writers Anonymous, a newly formed writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, will meet at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For information, call the Library at 942-7589.
- **"Effective Parenting" Training** — One of the Nation's most popular parent-education programs is now available in a new format especially for parents of young children. "Early Childhood STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) of Children Under Six" — offered at the Family and Neighborhood Services West Office (19101 Inkster Road) each Tuesday — is still accepting late registrants. For information, call Patricia Taylor-Eubanks at 782-9800.

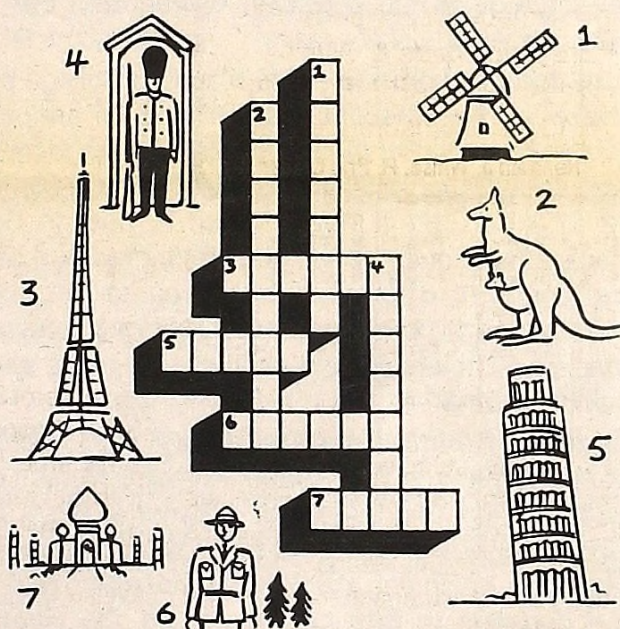
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Twenty "Ates"

Using the clues provided, complete the "ates" below.

- Sometimes a man will bring a woman flowers if they are going out on a _ A T E.
- He robbed ships. _ _ _ A T E
- A girl's name. _ A T E.
- California is one. _ _ A T E.
- Better _ A T E than never.
- Horsetracks have a starting _ A T E.
- Some people believe in _ A T E.
- A companion. _ A T E.
- A discussion with differing opinions. _ _ _ A T E
- Food goes on it. _ _ A T E
- People _ _ _ A T E to other countries.
- To get rid of. _ _ _ _ A T E
- Start off on a clean _ _ _ A T E.
- To be angry or bitter. _ _ A T E
- To fill with air. _ _ _ _ A T E
- A negative emotion. _ A T E
- You can do it on wheels or on a blade. _ _ A T E
- With a compass, you _ _ _ _ A T E.
- Carry goods in a _ _ A T E.
- To make something from nothing. _ _ _ A T E

ANSWERS
1. Date 2. Pirate 3. Kate 4. State 5. Late 6. Gate 7. Fate 8. Mate 9. Debate 10. Plate 11. Migrate 12. Eliminate 13. State 14. Irate 15. Inflate 16. Hate 17. Skate 18. Navigate 19. Crate 20. Create

Dog Daze

How much do you know about man's best friend? See if you can figure out which of the following statements are accurate. Write "true" or "false" after each one.

- There is a cure for distemper.
- Kerosene mixed with milk is a good remedy for fleas.
- There are approximately one billion puppies born in the United States every hour.
- The phrase "in the doghouse" goes back to the days of African slave trade.
- Dogs get rid of heat through their tongues.
- Chihuahuas make good seeing-eye dogs.
- Dogs were one of the first animals to be domesticated.
- Dogs and wolves are very close relatives.
- The Maltese is usually very large with black hair.
- The dogfish is half dog, half fish.

ANSWERS
1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. True 6. False 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False

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- Horseback riding:** Start off with smaller, gentler horses. Follow the rules of the ranch. Never go off on your own or abuse the animal in any way.
- Head injuries:** In minor cases, apply an ice bag to the bruised area. Observe patient for unequal pupil size, deep sleep or unresponsiveness. If any of these occur, phone a physician immediately.
- Hail storms:** Stay indoors when weather is extreme.
- Hamburgers:** Should be eaten in moderation because of their high fat content.
- Hammers:** Be cautious when using a hammer. Keep your fingers out of the way.
- Headaches:** Frequent headaches could mean eye strain. See an eye doctor if this is the case.
- Headphones:** Never walk along a busy street with headphones on. Be aware of your surroundings.

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New-car Safety Devices Call for Different Driving Habits

Most drivers assume that they know all they need to know about handling a car, but automotive advancements in steering and stopping mean that the skills of many drivers are out of date, says AAA Michigan.

"The design of cars has changed, so your driving habits need to change as well," said Jerry Basch, the Community Safety Services manager for AAA Michigan.

The driver's seat used to be considerably higher than it is in today's passenger vehicles. The proper positions of the driver's hands on the wheel were ten and two o'clock.

With today's lower seat position and the advent of airbags, drivers need to move their hands lower on the wheel and sit farther back for proper control and safety.

Before starting the engine, AAA recommends that drivers adjust head restraints so that they are high and close to the back of the head, then fasten their safety belts and adjust the mirrors.

Drivers should hold the steering wheel at its equator (the three and nine o'clock positions) or slightly lower. In a crash, this minimizes the possibility of injury to the driver's fingers, hands, and forearms when the airbag mechanism is deployed.

Positioning the hands on the outside of the steering-wheel rim also reduces the likelihood that, in a frontal crash, the driver's hands will be forced off the wheel into his or her face. Keeping the hands on the wheel means that

the driver is better able to steer the vehicle after the airbag deflates, thereby potentially avoiding a second or third crash.

Drivers who sit too close to the steering wheel need to move back to avoid possible upper-body injuries from the considerable force that air bags exert as they deploy.

"Correct driving position is essential," added Basch. "It gives the driver better control of the vehicle with less likelihood of injury, stress, or fatigue. This is especially important to older drivers and motorists who are taking long trips."

Drivers can determine their proper position behind the steering wheel by sitting with shoulders comfortably back in the seat, arms slightly bent, and hands midpoint to lower along the rim of the wheel. Drivers should be able to pivot their foot from the accelerator to the brake pedal without lifting their heel from the floor.

Vehicle braking systems also are changing in ways that will force drivers to modify some long-established habits.

"Generations of drivers earned their licenses when cars had drum and shoe brakes, and the procedure was to pump the brakes and steer in the direction in which they wanted the front of the vehicle to go," Basch said. "Because many cars today have disc brakes with the antilock feature, drivers need to push down hard on the brake pedal and keep it depressed — not pump. Since the car doesn't skid, the driver retains full steering control." □

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RHS, RMS Honor December's "Students of the Month"

By Ed Clark, principal, Romulus Middle School

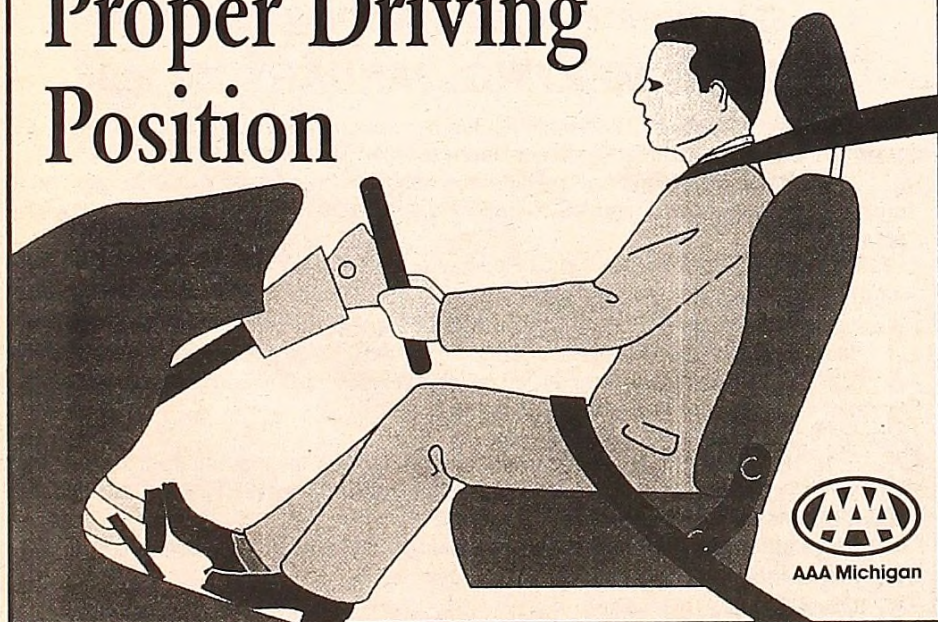
Teachers selected a total of 62 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for December's "Student of the Month" honors because of the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during that time period. Students attending a January 17 ceremony recognizing them received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the December honorees: Craig Bailey, Jason Bailey, Latoya Bell, Melissa Bilbrey, Jodi Bright, Tara Brown, Yolanda Buffington, Byron Cole, Jessica Colman, Autumn Debus, Nathan Devine, Casandra Donaldson, Matt Dufore, Jeanne Estes, Samuel Estes, Brandon Flake, Randy Frison, Benjamin Gardner, Crystal Garner, Tommy Gebo, Kristin Godard, Julie Golden, Chanté Graham, Shannon Guarino, Joslyn Hankerson, Jason Hilsabeck, Moriah Holbrook, Jessica Johnson, Saria Johnson, Michael Kelly, Jamie Kniceley, Karajo Kraft, Nicole Laskaska, Jeriesha Lee, Melveia Lindsey, Katie Lockhart, Marla Manier, John Martin, Crystal Minner, Kimberly Minner, Joshua Murphy, Rebecca Oleszkowicz, Nicole Penrod, Curtis Person, Paula Rivera, Linda Ry-

znar, Kerol Sandusky, Amber Sheldon, Shelia Sobocinski, Stephanie Sokotowski, Carrie Spielman, Clifford Stewart (Athlete), David Sundquist, Amee Swauger, Nathan Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas, Patrick Thomason, Rodell Wade, Craig Welko, David Wells, David Williams, and Tyrone Yharbrough.

I would also like to thank the following sponsors: Belleville Die Shop; C & C Trailer Service; Chem/Central Detroit; Crova GMC Trucks; Double Bogie Pizza; Elkins Machine & Tool; Environ, Inc.; Form Flow, Inc.; Gandol; Greyhound Food Service; H & J Manufacturing Co; Header Products; Dale Kennedy and Sons; Kevin's Painting, Drywall & Plaster Repair; Lance Knudson; Landing Strip Lounge; Lear Seating Corporation; Omnicom Cablevision; Romulus Athletic Department; Romulus Auto Supply; Romulus Community Schools central office administrators (Art McPharlin); Romulus Middle School staff (Thomas Williams); Romulus Progressive Club; Kundan Sata, D.D.S.; Sigma Tau Service Club; St. Lawrence, Inc.; Stears True Value Hardware; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Trans-Overseas Corporation; United Brass Manufacturers, Inc.; Romulus VFW Post 9568; Westlane Industries (Kean Manufacturing Corp.). □

Proper Driving Position



According to AAA, proper driving position means sitting back in the seat and, with arms slightly bent, holding the rim of the steering wheel at its midpoint or lower. In most vehicles, drivers should be able to pivot their foot from accelerator to brake pedal without lifting their heel from the floor.

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 22, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 22, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Pat Patterson absent (excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/96/8 Moved by Kesner supported by Langley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/96/9 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Minutes with the following addition: Under "Communications and Expressions from the Public", reflect that Scott Smith, Romulus High School student, shared the results of a survey taken at the school, and alluded to the band room's lack of heat. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

VFW Essay Winner

Mr. Gary Carpenter announced Rebecca Oleszkowicz and Scott Smith as the Regional winners of the Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by the VFW.

1/96/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley that a letter of "congratulations" be sent to Rebecca Oleszkowicz and Scott Smith. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Personnel Actions

None.

Motions to Take Action on Tenure Charges

This item was postponed.

Bills for Payment

Mr. Joel Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the Bills for Payment for Board approval.

1/96/11 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Computer Purchase

1/96/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and authorize the purchase of Computers and CD ROMs from the Zenith Corporation as per the attached bid analysis with funds to be taken from the Bond Issue. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

WCRESA Budget Hearing

1/96/13 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to appoint Kenneth E. Berlinn as our representative at the WCRESA Budget Hearing on Saturday, February 3, 1996. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bus Purchase

1/96/14 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to accept the recommendation of the Transportation Department and Business Office to purchase five vanettes and four 65-passenger conventional buses from Squires Bus and Equipment for a cost of \$312,903. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Recreation Proposal

1/96/15 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve participation with the City in a recreation basketball program as outlined in the attached memo from Recreation Director Debbie Dick. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Dawn Smith expressed her concern about class size and split classrooms at Merriman Elementary School.

Mrs. Patty Albo stated her concern relative to an incident that occurred at Merriman Elementary School.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz discussed his concerns with the head football coach at the High School.

Scott Smith, student at Romulus Senior High School, told the Board that the band room now had heat.

Mrs. Debbie Dick thanked the Board of Education for their support for the basketball program and inquired about the sign at the High School.

Mrs. Sandy Schwartz stated that the students involved in the service learning program have been doing a great job and that their work ethic is excellent.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following items of interest were reviewed by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent: 1) Madonna "Thanks"; 2) Board "Thanks" - Halecreek; and 3) "Thanks" - Don Foley.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Howard Kesner asked what we were going to do now that Computer Connection has gone out of business.

Mrs. Judie Gondek requested data on our technology usage.

Executive Session (Negotiations)

1/96/16 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:34 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:10 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/96/17 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Gondek, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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council to risk millions of dollars on litigation that they know we will lose? I'm certainly no expert on attorney ethics, but something is *definitely* wrong with this picture!

Before I close, I would like to comment on a final, more personal issue.

It is a sad day in Romulus when a 64-year-old widow receives threatening phone calls warning her not to attend a friend's funeral. Because I did not want the funeral service of my good friend Josephine Rehkopf to be spoiled by the possibility of someone creating a

scene, I heeded the threats and did not attend the service - just as, once before, I heeded calls warning me that I had better resign my position on the Board of Directors of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

To those of you who have tried to manipulate me with your underhanded tactics, believe me now: It won't happen a third time. I will never again back down from such despicable intimidation.

Unlike you, I will not be an anonymous coward.

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SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 29, 1996

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 29, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 5:43 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Pat Patterson absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Mr. Frank Wydra and Ms. Carol Schuler of Industrial Relations, Inc., were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Continued Discussion - I.R.I. - Frank Wydra, Facilitator

Members of the Romulus Board of Education and the Administrative Staff met with Mr. Frank Wydra and Ms. Carol Schuler to continue their discussion and plans for implementation of various procedures in our school district.

Executive Session - Personnel Matter

1/96/18 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:25 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:04 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/96/19 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Gray Is Barth's Top Speller

On Thursday, January 18, Barth Elementary School held its 21st annual School Spelling Bee. Winner for both the sixth grade and the School overall was Jerome Gray; Leah Cotham, who misspelled "musician," was the School runnerup, and was also Jerome's runnerup in the sixth-grade bee. The fifth-grade winner was Leslie Dailey.

Also participating were (in order of finish): Kelly Jo Carroll, Akeem Martin, Jeremy Glenn, Erica Williams, Anthony Patierno, Gary Lee, Bradley Hindman, Cameron Houck, Ronald Buckley, Rick Hadyniak, Quintney Williams, Natasha Tao, Mike Johnson, Leslie Dailey, Amanda Brewington, Rashaud Best, Nicole Parson, Falon Kennedy, Lindsey Redding, and Orlando Wells.

In other "elementary" news . . .

Halecreek Displays Words of Wisdom

Halecreek's School Improvement Team commissioned a committee of parents, staff, and friends to paint "Words of Wisdom" on the walls of the school. Thanks to Halecreek parents Roxanne and Fred Kucharski and Laura Blankenship, teachers Chris Brantley and Sheila Stasak, and painter friends Tim Somers and Tim Zajkowski, many thought-provoking quotes and sayings appear throughout the School.

When you enter the building and look down the halls, the words "children first" seem to jump out at you. They remind all that Halecreek School is *for the children*. High above the many monitors that control some of the educational programs available for teaching and learning within the school, you see the inscription, "technology is a powerful tool." And on a nearby wall, you see the School's motto: "learning for life" — which reminds all that effective learning prepares us to be happy, contributing members of our community.

Good Attendance Rewarded at Merriman

By Rosemary Foster

The Courtyard by Marriott, one of Merriman Elementary School's business partners, has found a novel way to reward students with good attendance records. Every month, Harold Howse, who manages the Courtyard in Romulus, donates three gift certificates to the School. Teachers submit the names of all students (grades kindergarten through six) with perfect attendance during the previous month, and a random drawing is held. The winner receives the gift certificates and gets to enjoy a dinner out with his/her parents.

Since good attendance is essential for academic success, Merriman principal Andrea Williams views the Courtyard's participation and generosity as a



Leah Cotham and Jerome Gray

positive feature of the school/business collaboration.

Kids Make Own Pizzas at Pizza Barn

By Rosemary Foster

Before the Christmas holiday vacation, students in Suzanne Snyder's EMI class took a field trip to the Pizza Barn on Goddard Road in Romulus. The trip was part of a "career education" unit that was being presented in the students' classroom.

As part of the learning experience, students were shown how a restaurant operates and how to take orders over the phone; a question-and-answer period followed. For the culminating "hands-on" activity, students were allowed to make their own individual pizzas, which they consumed with great gusto along with the complimentary beverages provided.

Pizza Barn manager John Martin has entertained the class at the restaurant for the past two years.

Black History Month Brings Trip to the Library

By Rosemary Foster

On February 1, Merriman School teacher, Suzanne Snyder, and her assistant, Ginger Ignasiak, took their class to visit the Romulus Public Library. The trip had been planned by Youth Librarian Shelly Delano to help the children celebrate Black History Month.

As part of her presentation, Delano showed the class biographies of famous Black Americans as well as a video of Harriet Tubman. The class also got to hear the African folk tale, "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears."

Wick Recognizes "Students of the Month"

The following students were chosen for special recognition at Wick this month: (kindergarten) Alicia Matatall, Sam Pizzo, and Stephanie Rutherford; (first grade) Garrett Lefler, Staucia Charfauros, and Shakita Wilson; (second grade) Brittany Jones, Jeremiah Warren, and Jason Elwell; (third grade) Latoya Allen, Myleah Jones, and Daniel Brown; (fourth grade) Rachel Kelly and Melissa Phillips; (fifth grade) Briana Smith and Eric Decker; and (sixth grade) Ashley Humphrey, Shane Wood, and Ricardo Tigner. □

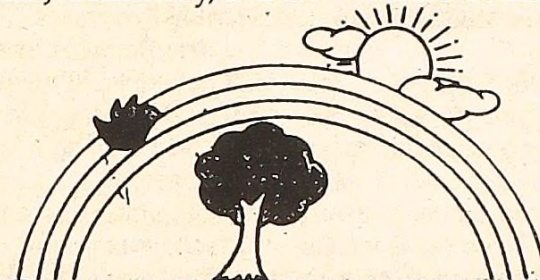
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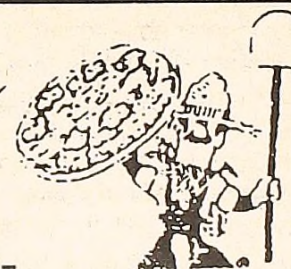
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Free Tax Service for Seniors

Now through April 10, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home-heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of those materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. Call the Center for more information.

Drop-in Program for Legal Counsel

Citizens age 50 and over are encouraged to take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's new drop-in program for free legal advice and consultations. Each of the bimonthly sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. The next scheduled program date is February 21.

Lunch with Seniors ... by Seniors ... for Seniors

Senior volunteers at the Romulus Senior Center hope to begin a once-a-month lunch program that will prove to be both modestly profitable (as a fundraiser for a future "volunteer" activity) and inordinately pleasurable (for everyone!). A select menu of soup, salad, and sandwich fare will be offered at the group's first lunch date, set for Friday, February 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (while supplies last) at the Center. For more information, call 942-6852.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **"Gambling by the Lake"** – Swing into spring with this overnight trip (March 19–20) to Bay Mills Casino, located on Lake Superior! The \$99 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the trip includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, accommodations, breakfast, and more. Deadline for registration is Friday, February 23.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's

van to shop at the Taylor Meijer and Target stores on Friday, February 23, or at Westland Mall on Wednesday, February 28. Space is limited; payment of transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus senior citizens can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Attention Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is continuing a program which allows interested senior citizens to participate in an indoor, move-at-your-own-pace walk program at Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus. Transportation to the free Wednesday-morning sessions departs from the Center at 9 a.m.; returns at about 10:30 a.m.

Personal Transportation Service

Senior citizens who have no other means of transportation can take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's personal transportation program. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be taken anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctor appointments, banking, or shopping. The service is available each Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so it's best to make your reservation as far ahead as possible. For information about this service, call the Center (942-6852).

Get SMART!

The Romulus Senior Center would like to remind everyone of the availability of the new SMART Connector bus, which provides curb-to-curb transportation service within the City any weekday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of only \$2 per person (\$1 for senior citizens and people with disabilities). Rides must be reserved in advance. For information, or to schedule a ride, call 941-8996. □

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 City _____ State _____
 Groom's Parents _____
 City _____ State _____
 Bridesmaids _____
 Groomsmen _____
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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD — 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School — 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship — 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship — 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night — 7 p.m.

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MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH — 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School — 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship — 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study — 7 p.m.

NEW FAITH CHAPEL — 19498 Middlebelt Rd. / 783-1490 / Curt Swick, Pastor / 381-5630 / Sunday Morning Worship — 10:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study — 7:00 p.m.

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Obituaries

Flora Jane Bates

Flora Jane Bates of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, February 7, 1996, at the age of 83.

Flora was born on August 25, 1912.

She is survived by two sons, John (Linden, TN) and James Bates (Romulus, MI); three daughters, Mrs. Quentin (Eva) Trent (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Albert (Betty) Hornier (Wyandotte, MI), and Mrs. Gary (Katherine) Weed (Westland, MI); one sister, Mrs. Albert (Bertha) Smith (TN); three brothers, Guy (TN), Jimmy Joe (Atlanta, GA), and Johnnie Bastin (Detroit, MI); 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Flora's husband, Horace E. Bates, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Richard F. Hoth

Richard F. Hoth of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, February 9, 1996. He was 59 years old.

Richard — a native of Detroit, Michigan — was born on September 25, 1936, and married Barbara J. (Beaver) Hoth on October 6, 1962.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Halley T. (Romulus, MI), Richard (Romulus, MI), Christopher F. (Chelsea, MI), and Robert W. Hoth (Romulus, MI); three daughters, Mrs. James (Elizabeth C.) Hollis, Mrs. Rodney (Ann Marie) Hay, and Miss Susanne J. Hoth (all of Romulus, MI); one brother, William Hoth (Las Vegas, NV); two sisters, Mrs. Carl (Zoeann) Bargamian (Allen Park, MI) and Mrs. Jerry (Joyce) Grant (Irish Hills, MI); and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 12, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Betty J. McCraight

Betty J. McCraight of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, February 5, 1996, at the age of 59.

The Romulus Community Schools employee was born in Hazel Park, Michigan, on March 4, 1936, and married Alexander K. McCraight on April 18, 1959.

Betty is survived by her husband; three sons, Alexander K. (Charleston, SC), Robert A. (Romulus, MI), and Marshall L. McCraight (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Dave (Jane) Wertz (Ro-

mulus, MI); and six sisters, Mrs. Olive White (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Gail (Mary) White (AZ); Mrs. Augusta Fenner (Prudenville, MI), Mrs. Files (Theresa) Craig (Onaway, MI), Mrs. Ester Craig (Tempe, AZ), and Mrs. Patricia Keller (Royal Oak, MI).

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 8, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Josephine M. Rehkopf

Josephine M. Rehkopf of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, February 10, 1996. She was 87 years old.

The retired Taylor Public Schools teacher was born in Boyne City, Michigan, on July 12, 1908.

Josephine is survived by two sons, Bruce J. (Hollis, NH) and Richard E. Loughlin (Stuart, FL); two sisters, Mrs. George (Judy) Beer (Petoskey, MI) and Mrs. Marie Zaberski (Boyne City, MI); seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth P. Rehkopf.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bradford Lewis officiating. Interment was at Evangeline Cemetery (Boyne City, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Methodist Church.

Claude A.R. Williams

Claude A.R. Williams of Las Vegas, Nevada (formerly of Romulus, Michigan), died on Wednesday, January 31, 1996, at the age of 55.

The General Motors retiree was born in Piggott, Arkansas, on August 25, 1940. His long history of community involvement included participation in the Boy Scouts of America, CB Club "Help," and the Romulus Little League, as well as service on the City of Romulus Cable Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Williams; three sons, Theodore A. (Monroe, MI), Brian K. (Romulus, MI), and Raymond J. Williams (Lincoln Park, MI); one brother, Paul Williams (Westland, MI); one sister, Mrs. Leonard (Betty) Bell (AK); and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Donald "Mike" McClellan (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made to the Boy Scouts of America. □

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